

## More on HealthChoice

Each health plan has a **Special Needs Coordinator** to help your child get care. Case managers may also be available to help.

There are certain services that HealthChoice does not provide, such as mental health. Your child can get these services by using the "red and white" card.

For more information, talk to your child's PCP, call your health plan, or call HealthChoice at **1-800-284-4510**.

## If Your Child is Not in HealthChoice

How your child gets health care is different if your child is **not** in HealthChoice. The services your child can get may be different. Call the numbers below to find out more.

Fee-For-Service.....	410-767-5800
outside Baltimore Metro Area.....	1-800-492-5231
Autism Waiver.....	410-767-1446
outside Baltimore Metro Area.....	1-800-535-0182
Developmental Disabilities Waiver.....	410-767-5600
Model Waiver.....	410-767-1448
outside Baltimore Metro Area.....	1-800-296-2242
REM (Rare and Expensive Case Management).....	1-800-565-8190

## Getting Mental Health Care

Children in Medical Assistance/Medicaid and MCHP access mental health care through MAPS. Call MAPS at **1-800-888-1965** to find a provider.

- Before you make an appointment, make sure the provider takes your child's "red and white" card.
- If your child needs more than 12 office visits you will need approval from MAPS first. Talk to your child's PCP or call MAPS 24 hours a day at **1-800-888-1965**.

## Do you need more information about Medical Assistance/ Medicaid and MCHP?

Visit our website at  
[www.dhmv.state.md.us/ma/](http://www.dhmv.state.md.us/ma/)  
or call 1-877-4MD-DHMH

Your local health department can also help. Look in the blue government section of your phone book for the number.

Maryland Relay Services  
for people with disabilities  
1-800-735-2258



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## Children and Youth in Medical Assistance/ Medicaid and MCHP

## Help for Special Health Care or Mental Health Needs



**1-800-284-4510**

## Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Maryland Medical Assistance/Medicaid and  
Maryland Children's Health  
Program (MCHP)

## What Do Medical Assistance/Medicaid and MCHP Provide for Children and Youth?

Maryland Medical Assistance/Medicaid and the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) provide complete health care. Health care is important to help your child reach his or her full potential.

All children in Medical Assistance/Medicaid and MCHP get **EPSDT** (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment). EPSDT is for infants, children, and youth up to 21 years old.

### What is EPSDT and why is it important for your child?

**EPSDT** means that your child can go to the doctor for a Healthy Kids check-up. Every child needs check-ups. Healthy Kids check-ups include:

- Developmental Screening
- Mental Health Screening
- Lead Testing
- Dental Screening
- Vision Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Immunizations/shots

The doctor will look for any problems. If problems are found or there are concerns, your child will be able to get the services he or she needs from specialists, therapists, or other providers.

## Services

Some of the services your child can get if he or she needs them are:

- Dental
- Doctor and Clinic Visits
- Durable Medical Equipment (for example, wheelchairs)
- Disposable Medical Supplies (for example, feeding tubes)
- Emergency Room Care
- Eye Exams and Eyeglasses
- Hearing Aids
- Home Health
- Hospital (Inpatient and Outpatient Care)
- Lab Tests and Screenings
- Medical Day Care
- Mental Health
- Nutrition Services
- Personal Care
- Prescription Drugs
- Private Duty Nursing
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Targeted Case Management
- Therapies (Physical, Occupational, Speech, Audiology)
- Transportation
- And More

The way children get services can be different in different parts of Medical Assistance/Medicaid and MCHP. The parts of Medical Assistance/Medicaid and MCHP are:

- HealthChoice
- Mental Health
- Waivers
- Fee-for-Service
- REM (Rare and Expensive Case Management)

## HealthChoice

Most children who get Medical Assistance/Medicaid or MCHP are in **HealthChoice**. In HealthChoice most care is provided by your health plan.

### HealthChoice Health Plans

AMERIGROUP.....	1-800-600-4441
Diamond Plan.....	1-866-533-5154
Helix Family Choice.....	1-888-404-3549
JAI Medical Systems.....	1-888-524-1999
Maryland Physicians Care....	1-800-953-8852
Priority Partners.....	1-800-654-9728
United HealthCare.....	1-800-318-8821

After you choose a health plan, you choose a **PCP (primary care provider)**.

- The PCP sets up services for your child.
- You must go to your PCP for advice on what your child needs.
- The PCP is usually a pediatrician or a family doctor, but can be a specialist.

Each health plan has a **network** of doctors and other providers.

- Your child must see the doctors who are in your health plan's network.

For many benefits and services, you need a **referral** from your PCP.

Sometimes your health plan must **authorize**, or approve, a service.

- You need to get permission from your health plan before you get the service.